

## APPLY THE SKILLS

### *from Beowulf*

1. **Analyze:** Epics usually focus on the battle between good and evil. Who is the “good” in this epic? Who is the “evil”? Explain how you know.

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2. **Literary Analysis:** An epic shows us what people long ago valued. The chart below lists a feature in *Beowulf* that people valued and tells why it pleased them. Complete the row to explain what this tells us about the Anglo-Saxons. Then add another feature and complete the chart.

Feature	Why It Is Pleasing	What It Tells About the Anglo-Saxons
boastful speeches	makes hero seem superhuman	

3. **Reading Strategy:** Read lines 843-861 from *Beowulf*. What do they mean? Paraphrase the lines. In your own words, tell what the lines mean.

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4. **Cultural Connection:** The story of *Beowulf* shows how people honored their heroes, long ago. How do we honor heroes today? Write a few sentences that compare honoring heroes in an epic and honoring heroes in today’s world.

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